Your ascendents Johannes Meinzer and Conrad Meinzer (II. Generation) have taked the escutcheon of their nativ-place Hagsfeld to America in the emigration.
The escutcheon was them so dear and honoured, that the fourth generation in America let make the escutcheon as a family-sign on the tombstone of Frederick Meinzer.
In Germany it was usual, the german farmers use the escutcheon of their village to mark their horse-carts and brand their horses.

To F: I have transcribed the documents with the typewriter.
The german script is not so heavy to read. I send You a table of the old "German script = Deutsche Schrift = also : Frakturschrift", then you can learn to read themself.

The church-rekords of Neureut are burned during the war "Spanischer Erbfolgekrieg 17o1 - 1713/14". The french Army had destroyed the village Neureut.

"Franz" is a list of all church-rekords of the country Baden. In this list you can see, when the church-rekords are beginning.

Yes, Paul Meinzer was fleeing (Flucht). I cannot say, the Swedes, the Austrians, the Baiern or the Frenches. It was a badly time, the Thirty Years War. Atlast, in the Year 1648 in Hagsfeld lived 12 persons still.

What is the basic of the name "Meinzer"?
Today, your relationship in Hagsfeld and vicinity writes the name "M e i n z e r". It's maby, that the name had a relation to the town Mainz in Germany, but I cannot proof. The family "Meinzer" is a long time in this country. The church-rekords begins to late. I will attempt into the literatur the name Meinzer to follow, also in documents, old rekords and other papers in our archiv. I will write you the result.

In the "Mentzer Family Genealogy" from J.F.Mentzer I found in the V. generation the wife of Levi W.Mentzer, Fianna Gerhart.
Came Fianna Gerhart or her ancesters from Germany. In Hagsfeld and Rintheim we had many familys with the name "Gerhardt".

I send you two pictures from the church of Hagsfeld. The pictures are photographed nearly 19oo.
In this church your ancestors Johannes Meinzer and Conrad Meinzer was baptized.
The church was burned in the year 1944 from the english and american bombing-planes; 1952 the church was build up.
Also the archiv of the pastorate of Hagsfeld was burned in the year 1944. The church-rekords could be deliverd.

To my person:
My name is Gerhard Friedrich Linder. I am born 2o.o2.1933 in Karlsruhe. I am married with Anna Heckfuß. She was banished from Hungary with her parents in the year 1946, because they was Germans. Her ancestors came 175o from Germany to Hungary as emigrants. My wife is born 1941.
We have three children:
Birgit Andrea, 11 years old,
Frank Friedrich, 7 years ord, and
Jörg Jost, 2 years old.

Birgit goes into the first class of the grammar-school (Gymnasium) and Frank in the first class of the elemantary-school.
My profession is an official of archiv in the "Generallandesarchiv Karlsruhe".